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FOR SCHNEIDER FROM KUX - NEA ONLY

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT:THIS AND THAT

1. WAS TOO TIED UP WITH FRASER HEARING PREPARATION TO GET OFF LETTER. AS OUR REPORTING INDICATED, THE HEARING WAS RELATIVELY MILD. VENKAT ECHOED RAJAN'S APPRECIATION AT KAUL'S FAREWELL RECEPTION THAT EVENING. SAGAR, PARASURAM AND UNNA WERE LESS ECSTATIC AS THEY WERE HOPING THE GOI WOULD BE CLOBBERED. LOCALLY NO PRESS COVERAGE. WHAT HAS APPEARED YOUR WAY?

2. SETHNA IS HERE NEXT WEEK. US PREPARATION IS NOT IN GOOD SHAPE. WHILE ERDA POLICY LEVEL UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM, THE GS-11S HAVE 49 REASONS WHY BUYBACK IS THE WRONG APPROACH. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL PULL THINGS TOGETHER MONDAY AND TUESDAY AFTER MYRON AND NELSON GET BACK FROM RIO.

3. YOUR MODE MESSAGE WAS FINE. WILL RERAISE THE GEOGRAPHIC
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ATTACHE QUESTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE REPLY YOU

RECEIVED. ALSO, AS THE INSPECTION REPORT SECONDS YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE MARINES IN CALCUTTA, I THINK SY WILL BACK DOWN. IN ANY CASE, THEY HAVE YET TO CLARIFY

WHAT THEIR PROBLEM IS IN TAKING THE MARINES OUT OF CALCUTTA.

4. CHAVAN IS NOW ON WITH THE SECRETARY 80:15 AM
OCTOBER 6. PRESUME THE INDIAN EMBASSY HAS BY NOW

PASSED THE WORD TO NEW DELHI. KAUL APPARENTLY IS NOT LEAVING THE US IMMEDIATELY BUT WILL 'HAND OVER CHARGETO KEWAL SINGH OCTOBER 7. KEWAL SINGH HAS APPOINTMENT OCTOBER 8 WITH ROBINSON TO HAND OVER COPIES OF CREDENTIALS, ETC. AND INTENDS TO ACCOMPANY CHAVAN ON TRIP TO WEST COAST THAT STARTS SAME DAY. HE WOULD RETURN IN THE EVENT HE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT OCTOBERA. WE SHOULD HAVE BETTER FIX NEXT WEEK ON WHETHER THERE IS ANY CHANCE FOR THIS.

5. ON THE AFRICA TRIP BY PRIME MINISTER, I REMAIN UNEASY ABOUT THE IDEA OF SENDING MESSAGES AND THINK THE BEST APPROACH IS FOR YOU SIMPLY TO BRIEF JAGHAT MEHTA ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED. I PRESUME YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT MATERIAL FROM WIRELESS FILE, ETC. BUT LET ME KNOW PROMPTLY IF YOU NEED MORE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE INDIANS SHOULD DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT IF ANYTHING TO SAY (OR DO) WITHOUT PROMPTING FROM US.

6. PAUL IS MOST WELCOME AT THE NOVEMBER 11-12 SOUTH ASIA JAMBOREE. KISSINGER

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